A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021, AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating the month of November "National American Indian Heritage Month" in recognition and honor of the 574 American Indian tribal nations and their contributions to the identity and development of the United States: and,
- § 2. WHEREAS, this designated month is a time to acknowledge, celebrate, and honor the rich, diverse histories, cultures, traditions, presence, and contributions of The State of Oklahoma's 39 federally recognized tribes and their tribal citizens: and,
- § 3. WHEREAS, The City of Norman is a supportive neighbor to the Absentee Shawnee, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Kickapoo, Chickasaw, Sac and Fox, and Seminole Tribes/Nations: and,
- § 4. WHEREAS, this month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories, and acknowledge the contributions of Native people; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, The City of Norman has one of the largest proportional populations of tribal citizens of all cities in Oklahoma; and,
- § 6. WHEREAS, The City of Norman, its citizens, and visitors, has/ have unique and special circumstances and opportunities for learning about Oklahoma American Indian presence with its wealth of resources through the neighboring aforementioned tribal nations, The University of Oklahoma's Native American Studies Department, Native Nations' Center, Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, American Indian Institute, and the OU American Indian Programs and Services, among others: and
- § 7. WHEREAS, it is the City of Norman's commitment to build an inclusive community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

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§ 8. Do hereby proclaim November of 2021 as "Native American Heritage Month" in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating in the spirit of inclusiveness and respect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of October, 2021.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor/